

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 17, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1811

Introduced by Senator Romero

February 24, 2006

An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 1797.8 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency medical services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1811, as amended, Romero. Emergency medical services: ~~certificates. training.~~

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, provides for the certification of emergency medical technicians through the issuance of certificates, including EMT-I and EMT-II certificates, by local entities, known as local EMS agencies, which are designated by counties. Existing law also permits public safety agencies, for public safety personnel, and the State Board of Fire Services, for fire safety personnel, to issue EMT-I certificates. Existing law provides that the medical director of a local EMS agency or the Emergency Medical Services Authority may deny, suspend, or revoke certificates issued under these provisions, or may place a certificate holder on probation, upon finding the occurrence of any of specified events.

~~This bill would make findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding consolidated licensure and certification, within the authority, of emergency medical technicians.~~

Existing law provides that an EMT-I may be authorized by the medical director of the local EMS agency to administer naloxone hydrochloride by means other than intravenous injection only if the EMT-I has completed training and passed an examination

administered or approved by the medical director of the local emergency medical services agency in the area.

This bill would provide, instead, as of July 1, 2008, that an EMT-I may be authorized by a local EMS agency to administer naloxone hydrochloride by means other than intravenous injection only if the EMT-I has completed training and passed an examination administered or approved by the local EMS agency that has jurisdiction in the area where the EMT-I is performing duties within his or her scope of practice. It would specify, however, that these provisions would be operative only until the operative date of specified regulations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1797.8 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 1797.8. (a) For purposes of this section, the following
4 definitions apply:
5 (1) "EMT-I" means any person who has training and a valid
6 certificate as prescribed by Section 1797.80.
7 (2) "EMT certifying authority" means the medical director of
8 the local emergency medical services agency.
9 (b) Any county may, at the discretion of the county or regional
10 medical director of emergency medical services, develop a
11 program to certify an EMT-I to administer naloxone
12 hydrochloride by means other than intravenous injection.
13 (c) Any county that chooses to implement a program to certify
14 an EMT-I to administer naloxone hydrochloride, as specified in
15 subdivision (b), shall approve and administer a training and
16 testing program leading to certification consistent with guidelines
17 established by the state Emergency Medical Services Authority.
18 (d) On or before July 1, 2003, the state Emergency Medical
19 Services Authority shall develop guidelines relating to the county
20 certification programs authorized pursuant to subdivision (b).
21 (e) An EMT-I may be authorized by the EMT certifying
22 authority to administer naloxone hydrochloride by means other
23 than intravenous injection only if the EMT-I has completed

1 training and passed an examination administered or approved by
2 the EMT certifying authority in the area.

3 (f) This section shall be operative only until the operative date
4 of regulations that revise the regulations set forth in Chapter 3
5 (commencing with Section 100101) of Division 9 of Title 22 of
6 the California Code of Regulations and that authorize an EMT-I
7 to receive EMT-II training in administering naloxone
8 hydrochloride without having to complete the entire EMT-II
9 certification course.

10 (g) *This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008, and,*
11 *as of January 1, 2009, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,*
12 *that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2009, deletes or*
13 *extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is*
14 *repealed.*

15 SEC. 2 Section 1797.8 is added to the Health and Safety
16 Code, to read:

17 1797.8. (a) For purposes of this section, "EMT-I" means any
18 person who has training and a valid license as prescribed by
19 Section 1797.80.

20 (b) Any county may, at the discretion of the county or regional
21 medical director of emergency medical services, develop a
22 program to certify an EMT-I to administer naloxone
23 hydrochloride by means other than intravenous injection.

24 (c) Any county that chooses to implement a program to certify
25 an EMT-I to administer naloxone hydrochloride, as specified in
26 subdivision (b), shall approve and administer a training and
27 testing program leading to certification consistent with
28 guidelines established by the Emergency Medical Services
29 Authority.

30 (d) On or before July 1, 2003, the Emergency Medical
31 Services Authority shall develop guidelines relating to the county
32 certification programs authorized pursuant to subdivision (b).

33 (e) An EMT-I may be authorized by a local emergency medical
34 services agency to administer naloxone hydrochloride by means
35 other than intravenous injection only if the EMT-I has completed
36 training and passed an examination administered or approved by
37 the local emergency medical services agency that has
38 jurisdiction in the area where the EMT-I is performing duties
39 within his or her scope of practice.

1 (f) Subdivisions (b) to (e), inclusive, shall be operative only
2 until the operative date of regulations that revise the regulations
3 set forth in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 100101) of
4 Division 9 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations and
5 that authorize an EMT-I to receive EMT-II training in
6 administering naloxone hydrochloride without having to
7 complete the entire EMT-II certification course.

8 (g) This section shall become operative July 1, 2008.

9 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that~~
10 ~~consolidated licensure and certification of emergency medical~~
11 ~~technicians within the Emergency Medical Services Authority is~~
12 ~~intended to accomplish all of the following goals:~~

13 ~~(a) Consistent, effective, and centralized licensing to protect~~
14 ~~public safety and make California better prepared to address~~
15 ~~natural or manmade disasters.~~

16 ~~(b) Consistent licensing requirements, interpretation of~~
17 ~~standards, and enforcement actions across the state.~~

18 ~~(c) Assurance that all emergency medical technicians are~~
19 ~~subject to criminal background clearances.~~

20 ~~(d) Improved public safety protection and development of a~~
21 ~~statewide registry of prehospital professionals.~~